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RE: Comments on Docket 99-25

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a Radio Announcer/Air Personality for twenty-five years. I'm a Black woman who hasn't had the opportunity to advance in radio broadcasting since big corporations took over owning more than one radio station in the market. The pay has decreased and the pay is not adequate to the years of experience.

My desire has always been to own a radio station, but didn't see how it would be possible. Then I read about the FCC's notice of Proposed Rulemaking MM Docket 99-25. I would like to see the rulemaking for new 1,000 watt, 100 watt low power FM radio stations and microradio class stations be adopted.

I believe LP 1,000 watt class of stations should have the same rules applied to them as full-power stations. If not they would be able to function like Pirate stations. As all business you need to generate revenue to survive. The LP 1,000 watt class stations should be allowed to generate revenue from advertisement.

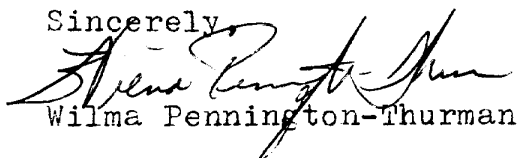
Noncommercial and educational institutions already have a designated part of the FM frequency. I wouldn't like to see the LPFM stations restricted to noncommercial and educational only.

The National Association of Broadcasters' opposition is transparent. They don't want any competition in any size, shape or form. How could LPFM stations harm their listeners. Listeners have the right to listen to any station of their choosing. Digital radio will make it possible for all stations full power and low power to broadcast without interference.

Illegal broadcasters shouldn't be eligible for LPFM licenses. They'll only break the rules again.

These are my comments and I hope they are helpful in your decision making.

Sincerely,

  
Wilma Pennington-Thurman

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